

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A hair drying device comprising a housing and a material separate from a heating element of the device and capable of emitting both far infrared radiation and negative ions wherein the material is constructed and so arranged within the housing such that an effective amount of the far infrared radiation and negative ions is emitted during hair drying.

Claim 2 (Original): The hair drying device of Claim 1, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of a single material having one or more constituents and a combination of two or more materials.

al Claim 3 (Original): The hair drying device of Claim 1, wherein the material includes a first part including a bio-ceramic in an amount of about 95% by weight or less and a second part including a ceramic oxide in an amount of about 5% by weight or more.

Claim 4 (Original): The hair drying device of Claim 3, wherein the first part comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of silicon oxide, aluminum oxide, iron oxide, magnesium oxide, derivatives thereof and combinations thereof.

Claim 5 (Original): The hair drying device of Claim 3, wherein the ceramic oxide is selected from the group consisting of iron oxide, silicon oxide, titanium oxide, aluminum oxide, magnesium oxide, derivatives thereof and combinations thereof.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A hair dryer ~~employing a material~~ capable of emitting far infrared radiation and negative ions, the hair dryer comprising:

an elongate body having an inlet end defining an inlet and an outlet end defining an outlet;
a fan adapted when driven to draw air into the inlet, to move air through the elongate body,
and to blow air from the outlet;

an electrical motor adapted when energized to drive the fan; ~~and~~

an electrical heater mounted within the elongate body; and wherein the

a material is capable of emitting far infrared radiation and negative ions mounted to the elongate body separate from the electrical heater and in proximity to the outlet end such that an effective amount of far infrared radiation and negative ions is emitted during hair drying.

Claim 7 (Original): The hair dryer device of Claim 6, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of a single material having one or more constituents and a combination of two or more materials.

al Claim 8 (Original): - The hair dryer of Claim 6, wherein the material includes a first part including a bio-ceramic in an amount of about 95% by weight or less and a second part including a ceramic oxide in an amount of about 5% by weight or more.

Claim 9 (Original): The hair dryer of claim 6 wherein the material has a generally cylindrical outer edge, wherein the hair dryer further comprises a generally tubular adapter in which the material is mounted, and wherein the elongate body, at the outlet end, and the generally tubular adapter have respective formations, which are adapted to be snap-fitted together so as to mount the material onto the elongate body, at or near the outlet end.

Claim 10 (Original): The hair dryer of claim 6 wherein the material has a generally cylindrical

outer edge, wherein the hair dryer further comprises a generally tubular adapter, in which the material is mounted, and wherein the elongate body, at the outlet end, and the generally tubular adapter have respective formations, which are adapted to be snap-fitted together so as to mount the material onto the elongate body, at or near the outlet end, within the outlet.

Claim 11 (Original): The hair dryer of claim 6 wherein the material is formed into a generally cylindrical body with a plurality of apertures through which air can flow.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A hair dryer ~~employing a material~~ capable of emitting far infrared radiation and negative ions, the hair dryer comprising:

an elongate body having an inlet end defining an inlet and an outlet end defining an outlet;
a fan adapted when driven to draw air into the inlet, to move air through the elongate body;

and

an electrical heater adapted when energized to heat air moved through the elongate body by the fan; and wherein the

a material is capable of emitting far infrared radiation and negative ions mounted between the fan and the outlet in proximity to the electrical heater such that an effective amount of far infrared radiation and negative ions is emitted during hair drying.

Claim 13 (Original): The hair dryer of Claim 12, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of a single material having one or more constituents and a combination of two or more materials.

Claim 14 (Original): The hair dryer of Claim 12, wherein the material includes a first part including a bio-ceramic in an amount of about 95% by weight or less and a second part including a ceramic oxide in an amount of about 5% by weight or more.

Claim 15 (Original): The hair dryer of Claim 12 wherein the material is mounted within the elongate body between the fan and the outlet.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The hair dryer of Claim 12 wherein the material is tubular and wherein the electrical heater is elongate and is deployed around the material.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The hair dryer of claim 16 wherein the electrical heater is configured as an elongate coil deployed around the material.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): A method for drying hair, the method comprising the steps of:
providing a hair dryer device that employs a material capable of emitting far infrared radiation and negative ions;
operating the hair dryer; and
emitting an effective amount of far infrared radiation and negative ions during operation.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 18, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of a single material having one or more constituents and a combination of two or more materials.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 19, wherein the material includes a first part including a bio-ceramic in an amount of about 95% by weight or less and a second part including a ceramic oxide in an amount of about 5% by weight or more.

Claim 21 (New): A hair drying device comprising:
a housing having an air inlet and an air outlet;


a fan disposed within the housing that draws a supply of air into the housing through the air inlet and forces the supply of air out of the housing through the air outlet;

an electrical heater disposed within the housing that heats the supply of air drawn into the housing; and

a material, mounted to the housing and separate from the electrical heater, that emits far infrared radiation and negative ions.

Claim 22 (New): The hair drying device of Claim 21, wherein the material includes a first part including a bio-ceramic in an amount of about 95% by weight or less and a second part including a ceramic oxide in an amount of about 5% by weight or more.

Claim 23 (New): The hair drying device of Claim 21, further comprising an adapter connected to the housing such that the supply of air flows through the adapter, the material disposed within the adapter.

 ~~Claim 24 (New): The hair drying device of Claim 23, wherein the adapter is removable from the~~
housing.

Claim 25 (New): The hair drying device of Claim 21, wherein the electrical heater is concentrically positioned with respect to the material.

Claim 26 (New): The hair drying device of Claim 21, wherein the material is disposed adjacent the air outlet.
